



*Unveiling Memorial to Victory 1922*

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**c.62 : Memorials** - for church memorials see c. 83

## **1900**

1904 01 22

Discussion about site for Boer War Memorial, one suggestion is at junction of Hills Road & Station Road, finally decide to erect it at East end exterior of Gt St Mary's church [1.10]

1904 01 22

Boer War memorial, Gt St Mary's, p2

1905 05 23

The memorial to the men of Cambridge who fell in the South African War has been completed. It takes the form of a brass tablet designed by Mr W.W. Fawcett affixed to the wall of Great St Mary's church. It is surrounded by stone moulding surmounted by the badge of the Suffolk Regiment but commemorates all local men who died in the war. 05 05 23

1905 06 12

War memorial, p3

1905 06 13

The memorial to the Cambridge men who died during the South African War was unveiled at Great St Mary's Church. It is not inside the church but looks out upon the Market Place, seeming to say that in the midst of life we were in death. A guard of honour consisting of a hundred men of the Cambridge Town Volunteers together with a detachment of the Suffolk Militia, a dismounted body of Hussars, Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers and the band of the Scots Grays joined old soldiers who had seen service in South Africa to witness the proceedings 05 06 13c

1905 06 17

The unveiling of the South African war memorial was marred by two small incidents. The Mayor of Cambridge was without his trusty mace-bearers - apparently the maces were securely locked up and

the individual who holds the keys was not to be found. Then police failed to recognise the military veterans and refused them admittance to the ceremony to which they had been invited. There was a considerable amount of confusion until the constables were enlightened as to the nature of the guests and allowed them to pass. 05 06 17

## **1910**

1913 05 03

Ivett & Reed stonemasons noisy stone-cutting machine 13 05 30 p10 CIP

1915 09 03

Trumpington's Roll of Honour. In the presence of a crowded congregation, the Vicar of Trumpington (the Rev. Dr. R. G. Bury) unveiled in the parish church of S.S. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, on Sunday afternoon, the village roll of honour. The names of 69 Trumpington men are inscribed on the roll which has been erected near the west door of the church to perpetuate the memory of the men of Trumpington who "went over" in the Great War of 1914-15 to defend the honour of England and to preserve unscathed for future generations the great inheritance of British justice and British liberty  
15 09 03 CIPof

1918 11 06

First Cambridge War Shrine in Cambridge was blessed at St. Mary-the-Less Church is a real work of art. 18 11 06 CIPof

1919 04 30

United War Memorial.—There was really very little difference of opinion at a meeting of the Lord Lieutenants Committee, held on Saturday at the Cambridge Guildhall, respecting the form of the proposed united University, Town and County memorial to our fallen should take, two proposals respecting visible memorials meeting with unanimous approval and the adopted scheme for the utility memorial receiving the support of the overwhelming majority of the committee. The proposals which it was decided to put forward for consideration by the public were Visible memorials: (1) That a record of the names of all Cambs and Isle of Ely men who have fallen in the war be kept in Ely Cathedral, (2) That the sub-committee be asked to consider the question of a Monument of Victory in Cambridge or elsewhere. Utility Memorial (3) That Addenbrooke's Hospital be extended and made more complete 19 04 30 CIPof – 19 04 30f

1919 05 21

Corporation reject offer of a tank as memorial; but two guns purchased, one is in store yard, the other in a little piece of garden in Tenison Road – 19 05 21a

1919 08 20

Christ Church war memorial – design – 19 08 20e

1919 11 05

Newnham Institute unveil war memorial – 19 11 05d

## **1920**

1920 06 02

St John's Church and St Barnabas Church war memorials unveiled – Ch 20 06 02e, Ch 20 06 09b

1920 04 21

Girton war memorial unveiled – photos – 20 04 21

1920 06 02

Memorial Unveiled. The parochial war memorial in connection with St. John Hills Road, Cambridge was unveiled last (Tuesday) evening by Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely. The memorial, which was designed by Mr. A. P. Macalister takes the form of a tablet in the south wall of the chancel.

Underneath the representation of a dove hovering over a field of battle, is a polished brass plate bearing the names of 45 men of the parish who fell in the war. The memorial is in Hopton Wood stone in early English style, and was executed by Messrs. Leyton and Leach 20 06 02 CIPof

1920 06 04

St Barnabas war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 06 04

1920 06 11

St Botolph Church war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 06 11 Ch 20 06 16b

1920 07 22

Police roll of honour – 30 members joined Colours during the war – list - CDN 20 07 22

1920 08 12

St Philip's war memorial dedicated - CDN 20 08 12

1920 08 25

St Philip's War memorial tablet and plaque unveiled St Philip's church – 20 08 25b, c

1920 09 13

Post Office memorial to 17 men of Cambridge postal area unveiled – names - CDN 20 09 13, details Ch 20 09 15c, d

1920 09 15

Borough War Memorial. Statue of Soldier Recommended. Station Road Corner Site. A meeting was held at the Cambridge Guildhall yesterday (Tuesday) of the Monuments Sub-Committee of the Cambridgeshire Joint War Memorial. The meeting gave its final consideration to the suggested monument, for the Borough of Cambridge. The sculpture and architect were in attendance and explained their scheme, which the Committee agreed to place before the General Committee with the recommendation that it be adopted. The architect for the Record in Ely Cathedral regretted that he had not been able to complete his revised plans but hoped to do so by the end of September. The Committee decided to meet again on October 2nd to consider, this scheme and to interview the architect. 20 09 15 CIPof

1920 09 27

Old Chesterton war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 09 27, photo 20 09 29

1920 09 29

Fen Ditton war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 09 29

1920 10 08

Newnham war memorials unveiled, St Mark's church; photos – 20 10 13b

1920 10 13

German rifle presented to Cambridge Women's Liberal War Savings Association; Cambridge had been offered a tank but declined – Ch 20 10 13

1920 10 13

Cambridge Memorial to Victory model – 20 10 13c

1920 10 16

New Chesterton Institute war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 10 16

1920 10 18

County war memorials, Ely Cathedral and Cambridge plans approved, Parker's Piece as rival site to Station Road

1920 10 23

County Hall staff war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 10 23 Ch 20 10 27a

1920 10 25

Victoria Road Congregational Church war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 10 25

1920 10 17

County council war memorial, County Hall, unveiled – 20 10 27a

1920 11 03

St Bene't's war memorial unveiled – Ch 20 11 03a

1920 11 15

War memorials unveiled on Armistice Sunday – St Giles, Histon & Impington, St Ives, Waterbeach - CDN 20 11 15

1920 11 17

St Giles war memorial unveiling – photos – Ch 20 11 17

1920 11 18

Eden Baptist chapel memorial unveiled - CDN 20 11 18

1920 11 29

Wesley church organ unveiled as war memorial - CDN 20 11 29, 20 12 01b

1920 12 03

Our Lady war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 12 03

1920 12 08

Our Lady memorial tablet – Ch 20 12 08a, b

1920 12 20

Large German field gun offered as war memorial at Shire Hall but this would obstruct entrance; two trench mortars could be put under the portico at either side and would not take too much trouble to keep clean – both rejected - CDN 20 12 20

1920 12 21

St Matthew's church war memorial unveiled - CDN 20 12 21

1920 12 22

Gt St Andrew's war memorial unveiled – photo – 20 12 22c

1921 02 23

St Paul's church memorial – stained glass window & tablet unveiled – 21 02 23b, 21 03 09a

1921 03 16

St Andrew the Less memorial dedicated - 21 03 16b,i

1921 03 23

Abbey church memorial unveiled – 21 03 23a

1921 05 11

St Luke's war memorial unveiled – 21 05 11c

1921 05 25

St Columba's Church memorial unveiled – 21 05 25a

1921 06 01

Old Persean War memorial unveiled – 21 06 01a

1921 06 29

Gas Company war memorial unveiled – 21 06 29c; photos 21 07 27a

1921 07 06

St Andrew's Street Baptist Church war memorial unveiled – 21 07 06a

1921 08 10

All Saints War Memorial dedicated – 21 08 10c

1921 11 09

King's College memorial dedicated – 21 11 09a

1921 11 09

Gt St Mary's war memorial dedicated – 21 11 09b

1921 12 14

Trumpington wayside memorial unveiled – 21 12 14b, 21 12 21a

1921 11 16

Jesus College large German gun trophy captured and transported to Caius College – 21 11 16d, 16e

1922 05 12

"To the glory of God, and in thankful memory of the men of --- who gave their lives in the Great War". How often have these sad dedicatory words been spoken during the past year or two as each local memorial was unveiled? But never have they been uttered with such deep impressiveness and in an air so charged with beautiful meaning as when they were spoken by the Bishop of Ely in Ely Cathedral this afternoon. For the veneration bestowed on each individual memorial was collected and concentrated on the beautiful memorials which have been erected in the Cathedral to the memory of the 5,320 men who made the supreme sacrifice in defence of their country's honour

1922 05 15

Holy Trinity war memorial, p3

1922 06 10

Cambridge war memorial arrangements, p5

1922 07 04

His Royal Highness the Duke of York unveiled the War memorial which has been erected in Cambridge. The ceremony was attended by thousands of people and was of a deeply impressive nature. It was raining heavily as the Prince mounted the platform for the unveiling ceremony. The band played the opening bar of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" to the accompaniment of rain drumming on hundreds of umbrellas. A few minutes later the rain ceased and the rest of the ceremony was carried through amid brilliant sunshine. The Prince pulled a rope which released the drapery revealing the bronze figure of an infantryman 22 07 04

When the new King unveiled the War Memorial – 36 12 12

1922 07 06  
Leys school memorial, p7

1922 07 11

The model of the soldier on the Cambridge War Memorial which, owing to an unavoidable delay, had to be used for the unveiling ceremony last week, has to-day been replaced by the actual bronze, so that the figure now in position is as it will be seen for all time. The bronze was brought from the foundry at Thames Ditton by motor lorry at four o'clock this morning. Mr Kett and ten men were in waiting and so expeditiously was the work carried out that by 8 o'clock the model figure had been taken down and the other set up and fixed in its proper position. A couple of hours later the scaffolding was removed 22 07 11

1922 07 22  
War memorial face, p6

1922 07 27

A service of commemoration for the members of the college who fell in the war was held in the Chapel of Jesus College. Immediately after the service the memorial tablet was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely. After a short service, the Master, amid a silence so intense that it could almost be felt, read the names inscribed on the memorial. It was an impressive scene - the clergy and choir in their surplices, row after row of gowned undergraduates, many of whom had also served, and a sprinkling of visitors from the outside world, all paying silent tribute to the 148 names read by the Master

1922 10 18  
Memorial police WWI, p5

1923 01 27

The war was responsible for a good many things and amongst others was the delay in completing the King Edward VII memorial scheme in Cambridge. Soon after his death a memorial fund raised £10,000 for Addenbrooke's Hospital. £250 was retained for a statue, bust or picture. Statuary is very costly at present but we find we can obtain a bronze bust of King Edward by the late Sir Thomas Brock, the sculptor of the bust of Queen Victoria now in the vestibule of the Guildhall. The committee recommended that the offer be accepted as it would make a welcome addition to the somewhat bare vestibule of the Guildhall

1923 02 24  
St John's college war memorial – 23 02 24 p6

1923 04 28  
War memorial balance allocated, p5

1923 08 11  
War memorial balance share, p3

1923 11 24  
War memorial – Cambridge Review has article, p6

1924 03 03  
New Street Bible Class memorial, p5

1924 07 26  
When the list of Cambridgeshire men who fell in the war was being compiled for the Memorial Chapel in Ely Cathedral there were many expressions of regret that the Borough itself had no official record of names. Most of the parishes have their own lists but there is no complete list of Cambridge

names other than the sheet published at a popular price by the C.D.N. some two or three years ago, and now to be seen in the Free Library. Now there is a proposal for the provision of a roll of names in the Guildhall

1924 11 11

An interesting and impressive Armistice Day service was held at Clare College. The service preceded the opening of a Memorial building – and extension of the college – and the unveiling by the Chancellor of the University of the roll of honour of 198 men of Clare College who fell in the war. The building was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. The ceremony included a simple commemoration, which the college has undertaken to perpetuate. The deed requires that every year on 11th November the Fellows and undergraduates, properly gowned, should assemble and the Master deposit a wreath.

1928 06 20

Sir – I happen to live opposite the field-gun in Tenison Road. It is not a relic of the Great War but a captured trophy from the Boer War. To me it represents history and the enormous sacrifices made by the pick of our population. Our war memorials tell our children of a great deliverance. Had we been defeated no doubt we should have had more hideous monuments, probably statues of the Kaiser and the boastful Hindenburg, at which some of the pro-Germans could kneel. Let these small tokens that speak of victory over injustice be preserved for all time – C.J. Challess

**1930**

1931 05 01

Mr J.W. Autherlonie, manager of the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company since 1902 has seen many changes. During the Great War 70 women worked there, doing exactly the same hard tasks as the absent men. But on the return of the men they retired and today only one is engaged in this capacity. Eighteen of the employees fell and the war memorial, placed in a garden surrounding the works, is counted amongst the best of its type. 31 05 01a

1934 11 12

Several hundred people joined in a peace meeting on Parker's Piece organised by the Cambridge Anti-War Council and the University Anti-War Movement before marching in a torchlight procession to the War Memorial. The procession, some 300 strong began their march along Mill Road, increasing in size as it went along. But they missed the turning into Tenison Road and crossed Mill Road Bridge before winding its way round the back streets to the War Memorial. They laid a wreath 'To those of all countries who fell in the last war from those who are pledged to prevent another' 34 11 12c

1934 11 12

Wesley Church memorial Cambridge Brotherhood WWI 34 11 12d

1936 05 30

War Memorial site history – Parker's Piece had been suggested – 36 05 30a

1937 05 20

Sir - What we have come to know as the Cambridge War Memorial was part of a three-fold memorial scheme which embraced a substantial grant to Addenbrooke's Hospital for extension work, a complete record in Ely Cathedral of the names of local men killed in the war or who died from wounds and the monument at the junction of Station Road. This was to commemorate all Cambridgeshire infantry and should be 'To Victory'. It was not to be a memorial to the dead but to the *living*. It is for this reason that we who pass the memorial do not lift our hats as we do at the Cenotaph in London – E.W.R. 37 05 20

1937 06 30

The Nazi salute was given as German ex-prisoners of war honoured Cambridge's war dead. Members of the Reichsvereinigung Ehem from Kriegsgefangener marched to the memorial where the ranks of local British Legion standard bearers were joined by the German standard-bearer, carrying the Nazi flag. While standards were dipped, one of the visitors placed a laurel wreath on the memorial as members of the German party gave the Nazi salute. They then left for a civic reception at the Guildhall. 37 06 30 & a & b

## 1940

### 1944 06 02 CIPof

U.S. Military cemetery dedicated. Memorial Day - the day when Americans pay special honour to their dead - was marked in Cambridgeshire on Tuesday, with a service at the U.S. Military Cemetery (at Madingley). High ranking officers of the American and British Armies, as well as the R.A.F. were present together with leading civic representatives of the Eastern Region and the Town, University and County of Cambridge. A detachment of the British Legion, with their colours, members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society, and members of the W.V.S., who have undertaken to provide flowers for the chapel, were also among the large gathering. Centrepiece of the service was a small grass mound, rising from which flew the Stars and Stripes. The Bishop of Ely (Edward Wynn) walked to the mound from the little chapel, followed by the senior officers carrying wreaths. The ceremony opened with an invocation, followed by a scripture reading and a prayer for the fallen. An Order of the Day was read from the Allied commander-in-chief (Gen Eisenhower). During the service either by accident or design three Fortresses flew low over the company. Official and private wreaths were laid and the proceedings came to a close with the National Anthems of America and Britain, the Benediction by the Bishop of Ely and finally "Taps" by two buglers

### 1949 10 12

Cambridge town council considered the proposed resiting of the war memorial. A scheme for a traffic roundabout at the Station Road junction means that if it were left in its present position it would be marred by the number of "Keep left" bollards and other traffic signs which would be necessary for the direction of traffic. An alternative position involved the acquisition of certain land fronting the Botanic Garden which would provide a restful haven away from traffic. None of the Servicemen's organisations was in favour of the removal of the War memorial front its present position. 49 10 12

### 1949 10 24

British Legion veterans of the 1914-18 war strongly opposed proposals to move and resite the Station road war memorial. Two sets of plans are being drawn up by the council. One involves the removal of the memorial into a proposed new entrance to the Botanic Gardens, and the other of placing it in the middle of a road island where it already stood. Capt Taylor said he thought the whole perspective of the memorial would be altered if it were removed. Dr R. Salisbury Wood suggested that floodlighting would add to the attraction of the site. The Cambridge memorial was the most beautiful one he had seen. If it was moved it would be a disgrace, said A.E. Mudd 49 10 24

### 1949 11 02

Construction has now commenced on a new roundabout at the junction of Hills Road and Station road, Cambridge. Proposals are being discussed for an alternative site for the war memorial. Site one : the memorial to remain in its present position in the eastern corner of the traffic roundabout. The dignity of the memorial might be marred to some extent by traffic signs. Two : memorial to be moved to the centre of the new roundabout. Three: the memorial to be moved to a position in front of the entrance to the Botanic Gardens, nearly at right-angle to Station Road so the statue of the soldier will still face the town centre. This site would provide a restful haven away from traffic and the memorial would not be marred by traffic signs. 49 11 02

1949 Smuts unveils Perse war memorial, Jun [3.11]

## 1950

### 1950

New site for war memorial – cutting showing roadworks 27 Jan 1950 – 50 01 27

1950 03 25

War memorial shrouded for move, p7 # c.62

1951 04 26

“1939-45” added to War Memorial, April [4.2]

1952 03 17

A thin shaft of sunlight momentarily falling upon the heads of choirboys and the robed clergy coincided with a solemn act of dedication and remembrance at Great St Mary's church, Cambridge, at the unveiling of a tablet bearing the names of six men of the parish who fell in World War II. Furnishings in St Andrew's chapel were also dedicated as a memorial by the Bishop of Ely.

1952 10 13

Two hundred people gathered around the doorway of the new Memorial Hall of Cherry Hinton Free Church. In their midst stood the bricklayers and electricians, the carpenters and the painters who had built it. And there were the ladies who had made the tea. Churchgoers have built it with their own hands. It was a memorial to all those in the church who had played their part in the last war: on the civilian as well as on the military field of battle. It was a memorial to the living as well as to the dead. 52 10 13 [4.16]

1952 10 13

Jesus College war memorial, p9

1953 01 19

St Pauls's church war memorial, p10

1953 05 08

Boer War memorial, Gt St Mary's Church unveiled after restoration

1953 05 18

Boer War memorial, p7

1953 10 19

For as long as Ely Cathedral stands so will the memory remain of 1,700 men and women of Cambridgeshire who gave their lives in the last war. Over 3,000 people joined in the dedication of the County War Memorial. Earlier hundreds had packed themselves four deep to watch one of the most impressive displays this ancient city had ever seen including a yellow and blue mass of 100 British Legion standards with 900 men and women from practically every branch in the county.

1954 12 11

Caius war memorial, p13

1955 09 27

The dedication and opening of an extension of Clare College Memorial Court was performed by the Master, Sir Henry Thirkill, in the presence of nearly 1,300 scholars and relatives of the Clare men who died in World War II. The new Court which has room for 44 undergraduates was designed by the architect Sir Giles Scott who was amongst the congregation as he had been when the first portion was dedicated 31 years earlier. 55 09 27

1955 10 17

St Edward's church memorial, p4

1955 11 02

A roll of honour compiled in memory of the citizens of Cambridge who lost their lives in the last war will be unveiled in the Guildhall. It is written on two skins of vellum with raised gold lettering and also commemorates the Women's Forces and all the civilian casualties. It was executed by Miss G. Horsley, a designer at the Technical College and School and is a poignant reminder of how modern wars have involved the very homes of the people. The first name is a woman's and the names of children killed in one of the air raids also appear. 55 11 02c

1957 03 05

When the Singapore Memorial was unveiled in the Kranji War Cemetery a wreath was laid in memory of over 370 former members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment who perished during the Malayan campaign or in subsequent captivity. After the formal ceremony, when the Guard of Honour had marched away, the relatives laid their personal wreaths and found the names which they had made their pilgrimage to see. 57 03 05a [4.12]

1959 11 10

Not many people known that on the wall of St Paul's Church, Stockingford, near Nuneaton, there is a memorial to members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment who died in the Far East in the Second World War. But the Regiment's Old Comrades Association never lets Armistice Sunday pass without remembering former comrades who were based there before embarking for overseas. The plaque is in proud memory of the 343 officers and men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion who gave their lives in Singapore. The Battalion was stationed in Arbury Park from May to August 1941 and worshipped in the church 59 11 10

**1980**

1983 02 12

Plans to move the Cambridge War Memorial from the Hills Road – Station Road junction have been scrapped. Instead of making way for a new system of computer-controlled traffic lights, the memorial will remain as an island. Originally the County Council wanted to relocate it to a small shady spot under the trees in the Botanic Garden, but the City refused to co-operate. 83 02 12a